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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Union

LCC: UC Tobacco & Drug Free Coalition "UC Drug Free"

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement:

The mission of UC Drug Free is to prevent and reduce the substance abuse in our community and to promote a substance-free lifestyle. Through collaboration of involved community partners, UC Drug Free is effectively combining community interest; concerns and resources to plan develop and implement programs of prevention, intervention and education in order to contain, reduce and eliminate substance abuse; and to provide resources for affected families and individuals in Union County.

Vision Statement:

Through a working community partnership we want to achieve a drug free Union County, where our families intentionally and voluntarily exercise a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

History:

The Union County Local Coordinating Council was first organized in 1989. This group of concerned citizens began meeting after the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana initiated a plan for each county to address the drug and alcohol issues plaguing their communities. In early 1990, the group organized a month long "March Against Drugs" campaign. This campaign provided the first opportunity for social and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and the general public to join hands working together to generate attention and support and to take a public position against substance abuse.

While the LCC has worked on many substances abuse issues throughout the years, their main focus continues to be to reduce the misuse and abuse of ATOD throughout the county. Additional concerns have been to educate the community members of the effects of using ATOD, including the correlation between ATOD use and criminal behavior.

The LCC is also working to change the community norm that consuming alcohol is a necessary and normal part of social gatherings and community events. We are also striving to change the community norm that using alcohol and tobacco is a normal part of adolescent behavior.

In August 2010 the LCC group approved the merger of the LCC with the local Tobacco Coalition (a local partner of the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency). The merger of the groups happened in order to get together a larger group of active citizens with shared values and goals. The LCC members believed this would be beneficial for the community and would bring synergy effects. From then on, joint monthly coalition



meetings took place and the 2 groups have worked together on substance abuse issues. The newly created group agreed to start using the new name: the UC Tobacco & Drug Free Coalition; while keeping the UC Drug Free Logo.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Union County Local Coordinating Council is committed to the reduction of alcohol, drug and tobacco related issues by forming alliances among our county agencies and resources in order to maximize our efforts to combat alcohol, tobacco and drug use at a local level.

The LCC members have determined our county's problem statements to be:

- (1) The Union County LCC does not have community awareness and participation from Union County residents and organizations.
- (2) Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs continue to be an issue in Union County which consequently leads to occurrence of lifelong substance abuse, high rates of arrest, and higher amounts of jail time within the population.
- (3) The incidence of alcohol abuse and related offenses, e.g., theft, burglary, and domestic abuse among adults and youth are continuing problems.

These problem statements are the result of collaboration among law enforcement, education, health, probation, community corrections and other participating members.



Membership List

County LCC Name: UC Tobacco & Drug Free Coalition

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Sharon Sacre	Citizen	White	Female	Citizen
2	Cheryl Begley	Town of Liberty	White	Female	Government
3	Ford Hoskins Jr.	Community Corrections	White	Male	Judiciary
4	Lynn Browning	Union County Sheriff	White	Female	Law Enforcement
5	Eric Cantrell	Sheriff of Union County	White	Female	Law Enforcement
6	Christine Heath	Healthy Families	White	Female	Prevention
7	Beth Baker	Citizen	White	Female	Prevention
8	Alvin Day	UC Drug Free Coordinator/ Deputy Sheriff	White	Male	Coordinator
9	Kimberly Klein	Union County Health Department	White	Female	Medical



A. Problem Statement #1: The Union County LCC does not have community awareness and participation from Union County residents and organizations.

B. Supportive Data:

- 1. According to the membership list the coalition lacks representation from the youth, business, media, and labor sectors.
- 2. According to meeting attendance sign in sheets; the coalition struggles with a functioning board and active membership. Currently there are no board members and only 7 active members.
- 3. According to the UC Drug Free meeting minutes an average of 6 persons attended the coalition meetings from January-June 2013.
- 4. According to a community survey administered at Health and Safety day in May 2013; out of 66 attendees surveyed 20 people or 30% stated that they had not heard of UC Drug Free coalition.

End of Year 1 Update:

- 1. In 2014, 2 High School Students and media representation (personnel from the Palladium Item Newspaper and The Liberty Herald have been present.
- 2. In 2014, the coalition now has an active board and 8 active members.
- 3. In the last 4 months, there have been anywhere from 6 to 8 attendees present at each meeting.
- 4. The community survey was not completed in 2014.
- 5. UC Drug Free Facebook now has 152 likes and the last post received 56 likes

End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year 3):

C. Goals:

- 1. Increase the average number of persons attending the monthly coalition meeting to 4 more members by the end of each calendar year. Current active members will recruit coalition members on an ongoing basis. The coalition's Facebook page will be used for communication to the public about the coalition. Analytics on persons reached will be collected.
- **2.** The executive board will be reformed with active membership. The responsibilities of board members will be updated on a yearly basis.
- **3.** UC Drug Free by-laws will be revisited and amended once the board has been reformed and updated on a yearly basis.
- **4.** A timeline will be developed and implemented with monthly goals and action items for the coalition and board and will be used on an ongoing basis.



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5. Coalition members will help collect data (including at least one new data source a year) from the community and will help to market the importance of data collection to organizations.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- 1. The average number of attendees has increased by one.
- 2. The board has been formed and the coalition has a more active membership.
- 3. The by-laws are still in place. The board will be addressing the By-Laws in the future and updated.
- 4. In the last 4 months we have: 1 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting and Centerstone Counseling Services 12 step program. Monthly goals were moving faster.
- 5. The coalition has begun using Survey Monkey for Data as well as Facebook.

End of Year 2 Annual Bench

Final Report (end of year 3)

D. Objectives:

- 1. Add at least three active coalition members by the end of 2013 and at each subsequent end of year.
- **2.** Improve the recognition of the coalition and educate the public on the purpose and function of the coalition by using Facebook.
- **3.** Develop and implement educational campaign about ATOD and UC Tobacco and Drug Free coalition.
- **4.** Participate in community events and administer surveys that will include questions about the knowledge of the coalition and monitor this on a yearly basis.
- **5.** Encourage local agencies to use coalition's funding and educate them about the grant process.
- **6.** Become a "go to" body for the community members seeking advice, funding or help in the ATOD prevention and reduction.
- **7.** Build strong and productive partnerships with agencies and organizations in the community.
- **8.** Advocate for the collection of more data by community organizations and function as a data hub for organizations needing county ATOD data.
- **9.** Advocate/Educate the school administration/board the importance of utilizing a student ATOD survey on a yearly basis.

End of Year 1 Update:

- 1. No new members have been added
- 2. The UC Drug Free Facebook page has increased in awareness by at least 50% in the last 4 months.
- 3. No new members have been added
- 4. The UC Drug Free Facebook page has increased in awareness by at least 50% in the last 4 months.



- 5. The ATOD program has not been developed....We are developing a Red Ribbon Presentation for Oct. 15, 2014 with 4th & 5th grade students. Also, Centerstone Counseling Services 12 step program.
- 6. Has not been completed
- 7. Union County School Athletic Boosters & After Prom, U.C. Sheriff Office and Narcotics Anonymous have submitted grants.
- 8. The new coordinator has been available for this and with an open door policy at the U.C. Health Dept.
- 9. We are building with a new Coordinator.
- 10. We will be working with organizations
- 11. We have been unable to get participation for an in-school survey.

End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year 3):

Problem Statement #2: Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs continue to be an issue in Union County which consequently leads to occurrence of lifelong substance use, high rates of arrest and higher amounts of jail time within the population.

B. Supportive Data:

- 1. According to the Union County Sheriff's Department, the number of arrests due to marijuana was 19 out of 367 arrests in 2012.
- 2. In 2012, out of all the juvenile cases referred to the Union County Probation Department, 19% were alcohol and/or drug related.
- 3. In 2012, out of all the adult cases referred to the Union County Probation Department, 40% were alcohol and/or drug related.
- 4. In 2012, the Union County Probations Department reported that 64% of the criminal cases had direct or indirect association with substance abuse.
- 5. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD School survey, the lifetime use rates in Union County for cigarettes is higher than the state average in 6th, 9th, 11th and 12th grades (6th grade: 12.3%, State: 7.3%; 9th grade: 38.6%, State: 27.2%; 11th grade: 49.5%, State, 38.1%, 12th grade: 47.3%, State: 42.1%). This rate in 10th grade:32.3%, State: 33%)
- 6. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD School survey, the lifetime use rates in Union County for smokeless tobacco is higher than the state average in 6th-9th and 11th grades (6th grade: 6.3%, State: 2.5%; 7th grade: 10.8%, State: 5.1%; 8th grade: 15%, State, 8.6%; 9th grade: 21.8%, State: 13.1%; 11th grade: 30.8%, State: 20.0%). Also slightly higher are the rates: 10th grade: 24.2%, State 17.2%, 12th grade: 24.2%, State 23.6%.
- 7. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD School survey, the lifetime use rates in Union County for alcohol is higher than the state average in 6th,9th and 11th grades (6th grade: 25.2%, State: 17.4%; 9th grade: 62.4%, State: 47.7%; 11th grade: 75.8%, State, 60.6%.). The 10th grade rate: 60.6%, State: 55.5%; the 12th grade: 71.4%, State: 65.4%.
- 8. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD School survey, the lifetime use rates in Union County for marijuana are lower than the state average in all grades.
- 9. According to the information in the IPRC 2011 survey data, students from the UC



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School District reported prevalence rates higher than the state rates. In particular, students reported prevalence rates for cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, alcohol, inhalants and prescription painkiller use that were higher than the state rates.

End of Year 1 Update:

- 1. In 2013, The Union County Sheriff's Department reported 14 marijuana arrests out of a total of 347 arrests.
- 2. Union County Probation advised that alcohol/drug related arrest of juveniles is 15%.
- **3.** In 2013, Union County Probation reported that 52% of adult cases were alcohol and drug related.
- **4.** 2013, Union county Probation reports that 75 % of the criminal cases had direct or indirect contact with substance abuse.
- 5. There is no current statistics other than 2011 from the IPRC ATOD
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End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year 3)

C. Goals:

- **1.** Decrease the percentage number of youth reporting lifetime use of gateway drugs by 2% per grade by 2013.
- **2.** Advocate for the UC school system to take an ATOD survey annually so this data can be measured by the 2013-2014 school year.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- 1. Unable to report this statistic at this time
- 2. Unable to report if this was presented to UC School Corp. The school has been contacted (7-30-14) and advised this was perhaps a Guidance Counselor question and may have to wait until the start of school

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

Final Report (end of Year 3):

D. Objectives:

- 1. Provide financial support to evidence based prevention programs, strategies and approaches.
- 2. Implement a social media awareness campaign using Facebook.
- 3. Support implementation of school based ATOD prevention curricula.
- **4.** Support initiatives that improve local collection of data regarding ATOD use by youth.



- **5**.Partner with local agencies to implement educational programs targeting parents, preference will be those that are evidenced based.
- **6.** Collaborate with faith based and community organizations to provide education.
- 7. Provide support via resources to treatment programs targeting gateway drugs specifically.
- **8.** Provide resources to the judicial and law enforcement sectors to target these issues directly.

End of Year 1 Update:

- 1. a. Narcotics Anonymous Meetings
 - b. Red Ribbon Week Oct. 15, 2014 with 4th & 5th grade students
 - c. Paid lunches for Law Enforcement at UC School Corp.
- **2.** UC Drug Free is growing awareness on Facebook. There are 152 likes and more activity on recent posts.
- 3. Unable to report whether the past coordinator was able to initiate the ATOD program
- **4.** The coalition will support the ATOD program. The school has been contacted (7-30-14) and advised this was perhaps a Guidance Counselor question and may have to wait until the start of school.
- **5.** We are partnering with Frames Outdoor Sport Supplies- Archery Range for Red Ribbon Week
- 6. St Bridget's Catholic Church is hosting the Narcotics Anonymous Meetings.
- **7.** Centerstone Counseling Services 12 step program- The Grant was approved and provided to the ICJI. This is a Substance Abuse Treatment Program for AA & NA programs.
- **8.** We are collaborating with Law Enforcement and Judicial sectors- The statistics were gathered from the judicial sectors and Law Enforcement Sectors. Centerstone Counseling Services was requested by the Union County Jail.

End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year 3):

Problem Statement #3: The incidence of alcohol abuse and related offenses among adults and youth are continuing problems in our community.

B. Supportive Data:

- 1. In 2012, out of all the juvenile cases referred to the Union County Probation Department, 19% were alcohol and/or drug related.
- **2.** In 2012, out of all the adult cases referred to the Union County Probation Department, 40% were alcohol and/or drug related.
- **3.** In 2012, the Union County Probations Department reported that 64% of the criminal cases had direct or indirect association with substance abuse
- **4.** In 2012, according to the Union County Sheriff's Department, there were 207 out of 367 arrests directly or indirectly related to AOD booked into the Union County Jail. Out of those 207, 148 were alcohol related.
- 5. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD School survey, the lifetime use rates in Union



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County for alcohol is higher than the state average in 6th, 9th and 11th grades (6th grade: 25.2%, State: 17.4%; 9th grade: 62.4%, State: 47.7%; 11th grade: 75.8%, State, 60.6%). The 10th grade is at 60.6%, with State at 55.5%; the 12^{TH grade} is at 71.4%, with State at 65.4%.

6. According to the 2011 IPRC ATOD Survey the Binge drinking rates were mostly consistent with the state rates except for the 6th grade. 6th grade: 15.3%, State 5.8%.

End of Year 1 Update:

- **1.** Union County Probation advised that alcohol/drug related arrest of juveniles is at 15%.
- **2.** In 2013, Union County Probation reported that 52% of adult cases were alcohol and drug related.
- **3.** 2013, Union county Probation reports that 75% of the criminal cases had direct or indirect contact with substance abuse.
- 4. In 2013 96 alcohol arrest (59 OVWI- 19 Minor Consumption- 18 Public Intoxication
- 5. No survey since 2011- IPRC ATOD
- 6. No survey since 2011- IPRC ATOD

End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year 3):

C. Goals:

- 1. Reduce the number of alcohol related arrests by 1% per calendar year.
- 2. Reduce the number of alcohol related juvenile arrests by 1% per calendar year.
- **3.** Use social media sites to post statistics about data related to alcohol from the county and monitor analytics.
- **4.** Use community surveys to monitor acceptance of alcohol in the community.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

- 1. The adult alcohol/drug related arrest in 2012 was 40%, and in 2013 that has went up to 52%.
- 2. The juvenile alcohol/drug related arrest went down from 19% in 2012, to 15% this year.
- **3.** The coalition has been posting statistics and information on the Union County Facebook page.
- **4.** Unable to get participation for surveys- Board members have been asked to participate at local events to handout appropriate surveys to event attendees related to ATOD subject matter. The coalition is still interested in completing surveys when volunteers are available.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

Final Report (end of Year 3):



D. Objectives:

- 1. Support local agencies' efforts to reduce alcohol related incidents
- 2. Support intervention and treatment for alcoholism and for alcohol related physical and mental health issues.
- **3.** Support the adoption and implementation of evidence-based substance abuse prevention curricula throughout the community.
- **4.** Provide educational resources and venues to the community about the alcohol abuse issues and the lifestyle risk reduction.
- **5.** Support the law enforcement agencies in identifying alcohol use related offenses and providing them with needed resources.

End of Year 1 Update:

- 1. Unable to provide information for this event
- 2. Narcotics Anonymous Meetings have been introduced and are taking place in Union County. Centerstone Treatment Program is providing the 12 step program and Red Ribbon Week Presentations are being prepared for October.
- **3.** Narcotics Anonymous has started and the coalition is working to provide more meetings in collaboration with the faith organization housing these meetings; Also, AA Meetings are also being provided in the community.
- **4.** The coalition has invited the public to the Red Ribbon Week Presentation on heroin addiction. The coalition is making contacts to set up an ISP meth presentation in October, to be presented by an instructor IU East. Also, contact has been made with an addictions counselor who gives presentations on addiction and addiction counseling for 4th and 5th grade students during Red Ribbon week.
- **5.** The coalition is working with Law Enforcement to obtain drones for marijuana searches and fly over's looking for marijuana fields, helicopter to do video surveillance for Red Ribbon week, as well as to pay for law enforcement officers to go into the schools and eat lunches with the students.

End of Year 2 Update:

Final Update (end of Year)

Next Annual Update Due: June 2015

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: June 2016

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